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SIGNIFICANT DATES.

Thursday, Jan. 1—Union Flag first unfurled in Cambridge, 1776.

A happy whole year to all.

Will the new leaf stay turned?

How many times will you write it 1931 today?

This is good calendar weather. Did you get your ye?

The weather is being tempered to the almost empty coal bin.

Be sure that in turning your leaf that you do not get the old one.

New Year's resolutions are all right if they are good and if they are kept.

The teachers will find that they cannot reform English spelling by resolution.

Reports of the total destruction of the Florida orange crop are a little overdue.

Helen Gould's experience in handling hose will come in handy as a member of the Roxbury fire department.

In the midst of plenty of coal there are those who are freezing for want of it. The only question is to get it on top of ground.

Castro refuses to make apology. His nerve is truly to be commended whatever may be thought of his wisdom or want of it.

It will be a good lesson to the South American republics if they are given to understand that the Monroe doctrine will not be used to shield them from their creditors.

European creditors need to learn that when they speculate in South America they take their chances in collecting from a people whose normal condition is chronic revolution.

Mills is a candidate for United States senator. Not out Isaac R. or Andrew H. but Luther Laflin Mills of Chicago. At least he thinks he is but he will be small potatoes and few in the hill when Albert J. Hopkins gets to going.

Tom L. Johnson looks pretty well and his schemes work well until the supreme court of Ohio runs over him. Then he looks the victim of a "devil-wagon" picnic.

With prospect of a coal famine before Decatur the miners would have shown themselves benefactors to have put aside their holiday rule and gone down into the mines and worked as usual.

First appearances indicate that the Chicago coal dealers were the ones who tied up the coal and not the railroads. It is amazing how far the cupidity and selfishness of men will lead them to oppress their fellow man.

The state teachers association adopted strong resolutions favoring a simpler system of spelling. What is the use to attempt any change so long as so many cannot spell the words as they are?

The national bankruptcy law is booked for important amendments during the present session of congress. It is too easy at present for men to get into debt and clear them up "ever so often."

The need or propriety of making the first day of the year a holiday for anybody is not apparent. It is a good day to start right by doing a good day's work. It comes so near to Christmas that people are not likely to suffer for recreation or relaxation.

Venezuela means little Venice. The name came because an Indian village was formed by Vespucci in 1499 in the mouth of Orinoco river built on piles. Like the other Venice it will be hard for Venezuela to keep afloat if the pound of flesh is exacted by the Shylocks of Europe.

Senator Vest is 72. His age is not the reason for his feeble condition.

Remember the new word "Xmas" and

helpful to the country are frequently as old as Senator Vest and often older. Senator Cullom, one of the most useful and best equipped men in the senate, is over 70. It will be difficult for Mississippi democrats to find an abler man than Vest.

Rev. A. W. Hawkins built a pretty good monument to his memory in securing the large sum from the Cumberland Presbyterians for the James Milliken university. His work came at a critical time and his personality more than that of any other man turned the tide and secured the institution to Decatur.

Suppose England should get mixed up with some other nation and war should ensue. How valuable would the Monroe doctrine prove to England is scarcely realized. An attempt to seize Canada would find the United States in alliance with England. The two would prove invincible. There is no danger of England attempting to abrogate the doctrine which excludes Europe from acquiring territory.

Gov. Odell and Senator Platt of New York are having a little ruction over the leadership of the republican party in New York. The voters came pretty nearly settling this question Nov. 4. If Bird Cole had received a few more votes Gov. Odell would scarcely be a contestant. The very narrow margin by which the governor was re-elected should admonish him not to be in haste in trying conclusions with Senator Platt.

The president of the Illinois state teachers association, F. N. Tracy, of Kankakee, declares that "the Illinois public school system is obsolete, looser, inadequate, inefficient and antiquated." Possibly Mr. Tracy had not fully recovered from his Christmas festivities. There may be flaws and defects in the school system of this state but it is not all that this schoolmaster says it is.

The local coal mine is anxious to increase its force of miners and can't do so because men cannot be procured. There should be some way for the miners to work now more than eight hours a day until the present crisis is ended. The national officials of the Mine Workers ought to relax the rule if the local union cannot do so. When humanity is likely to suffer the rules governing ordinary times should be waived.

The Winkind of Wrath indulged in by Dan Paddock at Kankakee against a Bell telephone is but the counterpart of the feelings of people of other sections. They don't all chop up the tantalizing talking box but they feel like doing so. In this city a number of patrons have taken summary vengeance on that which cumbered the wall. Of course that is poor satisfaction and is really a foolish outburst of temper but the provocation is such that much allowance must be made for it. The old idea that a man could not put up a stove pipe without swearing is gradually going out of existence. The great fortitude and patience necessary to endure the ordinary telephone service is making a race of saints.

Castro should turn over a new leaf by paying some of his debts.

The annual swear-off period sets in early next Thursday morning.

A few balmy days will do much to relieve the local coal situation.

How would it do to make Mr. Roosevelt arbitrator in chief for the world?

No city ought to permit electric wires above ground. They are too dangerous.

How would you like to be the coal man with prices soaring and no coal to sell?

Bloomington has acquired the fire habit. It should take some kind of a fire cure.

Some one suggests that the birthday of the Hon. Lobster Davis be made a national holiday.

When Marconi gets his wireless business in action it will mean poleless towns as well.

The cold weather brings numerous discomforts. One of these is the increased price of coal.

President Roosevelt is given credit for saving The Hague tribunal from becoming obsolete.

Springfield appears to be the Venezuela of Illinois—hopelessly in debt. Who is the Castro of this condition?

Coal at \$2.40 would be quite acceptable in many central Illinois cities

where \$3.00 and \$3.50 are the regular rates.

The weather man has been in "cahoots" with the people so far this year. Still the coal man has not suffered.

Roosevelt found something for the coal combine to arbitrate. Now he does a like service for Europe and South America.

The Hague tribunal is an international arbitration board taking its name from The Hague the city in which met the peace congress.

The coal miners are preparing to demand an increase in wages. They say that the operators are getting largely increased profits and can afford to divide with them.

Gov. Mickey ought to be reasonably sure of the Methodist vote for anything he wants. Other people too like a man who is consistent with his religious professions. Anyhow inaugural balls are a nuisance.

Hereafter if in any dispute, national or international, industrial or social, it is desired to find something to arbitrate call on or address Theodore Roosevelt. His address until March 4, 1908, will be White House, Washington, D. C.

Acting Gov. Northcott has called the attention of Atty-Gen Hamlin to the coal blockade in Chicago. The railroads will get a chance to explain why they held thousands of cars of coal in their yards adjacent to the city when there was a coal famine inside.

The scarcity of hard coal necessarily makes the demand for soft coal the greater. Hence increased price follows increased demand. The Decatur Coal Co. has followed in the general line of advancing rates. All winter the coal company's price has been 25c per ton less than that of the dealers.

An increase of 25 cts. per ton on coal is a small thing to the consumers. It is something of an item however to the coal producer. On 600 tons daily production it means \$150.00 net profit as it costs no more to produce it.

There was a good prospect of the passage of a civil service law for the Illinois state institutions. The entrance of the Illinois Civil Service Association complicates matters. It enters the arena and claims everything. Frequently these self-appointed agencies hinder rather than help the cause they espouse with so much unwearied enthusiasm.

The politicians had to side track for the school teachers. The politicians wanted to move their speakership factory from Chicago to Springfield but the hotels told them they could not get headquarters until the pedagogues were through. In this case the statesmen had to give way to the statesmen makers.

As soon as the war cloud in Venezuela began to break way the revolutionists began again to pick their flints and make trouble for Castro. Until this people can cease fighting each other they have a very poor prospect of paying their debts. They can't expect even small favors from any one until they show themselves more capable of self government.

A MODERN MIRACLE.

The doctors in Detroit have just been performing a surgical operation of a rather remarkable sort. William F. Hackett had a quarrel with his stepson and the latter slashed Hackett in the throat. The authorities were anxious to obtain an ante-mortem statement and so they rigged an apparatus to draw Hackett's head away from the shoulders, stretched the spinal cord, hoping to relieve the pressure on the brain sufficiently to enable him to recover his consciousness and give the particulars of the fight. The effort was a complete success in every particular save one. The head was stretched, the tension of the brain relieved, but the man died during the operation.

WIRELESS MESSAGES.

Marconi's wireless messages across the Atlantic are but the beginning of a revolution in the communication of intelligence. When Cyrus W. Field completed the first ocean cable in 1858 he was considered the greatest man in the world. His achievement wrought a mighty social revolution. Yet he merely applied scientific principles already known. He was able to stretch a wire through the ocean. Over this the electric message went as on land. Marconi has discovered and utilized new principles and makes the ocean cable superfluous. When the wireless system is perfected it will mean that there will be no need for being expensive

bles for thousands of miles under the sea. The Marconi invention promises to render useless many of the necessities of the present time. The miracle of today becomes the commonplace of tomorrow. The phonograph and the telephone are so common that all wonder has ceased. They are as wonderless as the steam engine and the dynamo, which in their inception were the miracles of their day. Scientific discoveries and mechanical inventions are constantly transforming the world. Marconi will stand with Fulton, Franklin, Morse, Field and Edison.

A Chicago jury has rendered a verdict against the Chicago Masons' and Builders' association for \$22,000 in favor of George Hinchliff. The brickyard of Hinchliff was boycotted by the bricklayers' association and the verdict is for damages on account of the boycott. This is a new feature of the strike and boycott business and is full of interest.

An old philosopher has said that "there is nothing that costs less than civility." As a modern philosophy it can be said that no investment will pay larger dividends.

Congressmen will soon hear from their constituents regarding the anti-butterine law if the dairy interests keep on getting greedy in the price of butter.

The Missouri mule being a munition of war it was to be expected that "poor old Missouri" would oppose the Venezuelan arbitration.

Chicago claims to be one hundred years old next July. At least the construction of old Ft. Dearborn was begun then.

The latest cure for typhoid fever is lemon juice. This may prove as famous as corn juice for malaria.

A proposition has been made to change the time for congress to convene from the first Monday in December to an early day in January. This would bring the newly elected congress together two months after the election instead of 13 months as the present arrangement provides. It is so long now after a new member is elected before he is called upon to that he is likely to forget the special issues he was elected to settle. Sometimes the questions are all settled before he gets there. There is some very cumbersome machinery in operation in the United States government.

Jerry Simpson lives in New Mexico and has been trying to secure votes for admission by sending senators New Mexican apples. He certainly can't expect to buy many votes with a few barrels of apples. Think of the possibilities in case New Mexico is admitted. Jerry Simpson would undoubtedly become a senator from the new state. Still he would not be any worse than Tillman or Bailey.

HOW PASH DOES IT.

A Washington correspondent thus describes our congressman's methods as follows:

Since the name of Vespasian—"Pash" they call him here and in Illinois, too—Warner has been so prominently connected with the gubernatorial nomination in his state his colleagues and political friends have been coming over his record both in and out of public life. They have found that his war record is equaled by few men in congress. He went into the army at a time when he was supposed to be dying with consumption, but the diet of "hog belly and beans" seems to have been just what he needed, for he has been healthier from the first day of his entrance into the army. Today he is broad of girth and commanding in figure. Although he has been credited with being one of the shrewdest of the more modest politicians in his state, and with contributing not a little to the success of the present state machine, he has played a difficult role and has the friendship of the men of his party in the opposition to the governor, and his friends. Some one asked what kind of a campaigner Pash would make. Then an Illinois member, to illustrate, told of one of the novel features he introduced in his last congressional campaign. Conditions generally were satisfactory in nearly all of the counties but one in his district. No dissatisfaction was expressed, but there was such a feeling of apathy that it was feared the ticket, county and congressional, would suffer greatly. Pash organized a campaign. Every one of the thirteen county candidates were loaded into his band and picnic wagons and across the county they went. Warner was with them. When they passed the house of a farmer they

with every member of the farmer's family without a single inquiry as to the politics of the head of the family. When a district school was reached the teacher was asked to give the children a recess and the band which the candidates carried with them played popular airs for them. At the larger towns mass meetings were held at the playhouses. The results in the county were gains that exceeded those of a presidential year.

Often people's sympathies are moved towards some especially pitiable piece of humanity. This is liable to be wasted on some ardent fraud. The other day a man was arraigned in New York for getting drunk. When asked in the court what his occupation was he replied without hesitation that he was a beggar's valet. An investigation developed the fact that the fellow received \$10 a week and 100m rent for taking care of an aimless beggar, whose income from his profession not only enabled him to live in style but to buy bonds and real estate. He kept this servant to dress him and take care of him. This shows that any business is a good one if it is well followed. There used to be a blind man grinding the organ on our streets, the very picture of woe, and yet he owned several farms and supported his family in comfort and ease.

Miss Helen Gould is now a fireman. She was recently elected an honorary member of a volunteer fire company at Roxbury, New York. She is doing much in kindly deeds. Her wealth is a blessing for "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Senator Mason denies that he has made a trade with the democrats. This is useless. Democrats' hardly ever sell unless they get something. Billy Mason has not a single vote to trade off. Democrats are not likely to want to vote for a republican just for the fun of the thing. They have Bob Williams of Carmi, "Gov." Alschuler of Chicago and Jim Gray of Decatur. Here is plenty of such senatorial timber as they will need. These men are experts at bearing empty honors.

President Tracy in his annual address to the state teachers' association at Springfield demanded education reforms. He ought to have been present at the school discussion at the Decatur club recently.

Gen. Bogus-lawski a great German general says that "the Monroe doctrine is a piece of impudence." It will be noted that this furious warrior had 3,000 miles of water between him and Uncle Sam when he says this.

The recount of votes in Sangamon county made no material difference in the votes for candidates. Mr. Edwards should note this result as bearing on his effort to wrench Mr. Gray's seat in the legislature away from him.

A St. Louis paper alludes to coal mines at Taylorville, Riverton and Springfield as being in southern Illinois. Go get thyself a geography and learn something about Illinois, the greatest state in this great country. And don't wait.

Why not let The Hague tribunal fix up the base ball war?

Gas Addicks says he has no notion of retiring from politics.

Gov. Yates is back in Springfield ready for work and war.

Speaker Sherman will become ex-Speaker Sherman after Wednesday, Jan. 7.

The speakership fight will soon grow fast and furious—or would if Miller did not have the thing in his pocket.

Gov. Yates will find a number of important questions awaiting gubernatorial attention. One of these is the Miller-Sherman speakership contest.

Dr. D. K. Pearsons of Chicago makes a New Year's gift of \$175,000 to four small colleges. This makes his total of similar benefactions to four millions.

Mr. Bryan is in Mexico bracing up Diaz on the silver question. He says "What difference does it make what the other nations are doing so long as I am with you?"

One-half of Gov. Yates' term is ended next Wednesday. From a business standpoint the state is in excellent shape. Public institutions have been honestly, capably and economically managed.

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## LUCKY THIRTEEN

In the Race for Overseer Wiegand Received Thirteen votes on the Thirteenth Ballot.

PROTEST OF JAMES HOLLINGER.

And Henson's Suggestion Were Not Sufficient to Beat Wiegand.

Thirteen is said to be an unlucky number. Perhaps that is true but the meeting of the board of supervisors yesterday demonstrated that at times there is some good luck in that much abused number. One man at least felt that way while half a dozen others still pinned their faith in this old rule.

In the race for the position of overseer of the new Supervisor J. W. Wiegand received thirteen votes, a majority, on the thirteen vote. Never hereafter will he balk on thirteen.

The supervisors held a special meeting yesterday the only business being the election of a successor to J. S. McClelland, deceased. There were candidates plenty as there usually is when there is anything to give out and all but one of them had to hold the short end of the stick and even then some of them did not have a very good grip.

There were thirteen ballots necessary. James Hollinger, one of the Decatur members made a short speech protesting against any member of the board being a candidate for the position. He thought that a man elected to the position of supervisor should not have to term without taking on any extra. Evidently Hollinger did not vote for the successful man.

There were two motions for a recess during the time that the balloting was in progress. One of these motions was made by Supervisor Henson. It failed. Henson had another idea which he exploited but without effect. Two of the candidates, Martin and Wiegand, being members of the board of supervisors had a right to vote and on the theory that they were excluded in the roll call or that the other candidates should be permitted to come in and vote for themselves every time the roll was called. This he suggested in the interest of what he called a square deal but that other members could not see it that way and Wiegand and Martin continued to vote for themselves as Henson thought, to the disadvantage of the other candidates. The following table shows how the candidates fared during the contest:

Davis, Martin ..... 1  
Hopkins, A. P. .... 2  
Martin, G. W. .... 3  
Kaiser, S. T. .... 4  
Wilson, John ..... 5  
Wiegand, J. W. .... 6  
Dawson, J. H. .... 7  
Fraser, Z. R. .... 8  
Foster, W. R. .... 9  
Abel, T. J. .... 10  
The first ballot was an informal one.

CHURCH WEDDING

Marriage of Miss Verna L. Dedman and Bert E. Branch at St. John's Last Evening.

RECEPTION AT BRIDE'S HOME.

Pretty Gowns and Handsome Decorations—Blue Mound Couple Wed.

At St. John's Episcopal church last night occurred the marriage of Miss Verna L. Dedman to Bert E. Branch. Rev. G. Taylor Griffith, rector of the church, officiated. It was one of the prettiest weddings of the season.

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## A CLAIM SETTLED.

Wabash Compromised A Suit. Suits are instituted. In the county court yesterday W. Caldwell, administrator of the estate of W. S. Trimmer asked that against the Wabash company court entered an order in accordance with the prayer of the petition.

At Alpine in June last Trimmer was a brakeman on a freight while switching fell in front of engine which passed over and killed him. Through his administrator's action he has an suit which yesterday was compromised for \$600.

New Suits. Nina Korbbeck by her new attorney, John M. Morland, filed against the Wabash company a suit for \$100 against the company. Fred and the National company. Fred and the National company. Fred and the National company.

When Time Was Precious. There was a break in the machinery on Wednesday. With the Decatur Coal company behind in its orders began Wednesday morning. The men and the people waiting would have been excused if a few naughty words.

Early in the day when they were getting ready to go to work was a slight accident to the apparatus at the new shaft. It was not a serious one but it required a few minutes and the men did not get to work until 11 o'clock that the hoisting coal could be commenced.

New Furniture. The Combination Furniture company is now getting out an assortment of furniture for the Broadway company on North Main. There will be 56 feet of which will be glass to the floor will be thirty feet of beveled mirrors. The woodwork will be mahogany and the finish will be of the best. The confectionary when completed will be one of the best outside of Chicago.

Watch Services at Different Churches. Special watch night service held at the Grace Episcopal church last night. There was a large attendance and the service for children, led by E. Conely, Rev. Conely told an interesting story of two brothers that the text, "I have redeemed the poor." After Rev. Conely, Miss Thier, a remarkably successful worker of Nashville, Tenn., the young men and women. Her subject from the text, "If a man be in Christ Jesus new creature; old things are passed away. Behold all things are new." Rev. Buckner delivered an impressive address and at the her remarks several went when the invitation was extended.

Following the young people's Rev. Conely gave a regular of a watch night sermon, which was held the watch night services in charge of the pastor. The musical to be given on the lecture course of the Grace church Epworth League, postponed until a later date on of the revival now in progress.

The young folks of the Presbyterian church had a watch following prayer meeting. They finished the amusement with a vocal solo by Miss Snell, a reading by Miss Judie a vocal solo by Warren Studle, reading by Miss Nell. Refreshments were served, consisting cake in the shape of pin-rackets, candy in the shape of coffee.

At the German Methodist there was a watch meeting, religious service and testimony. The North Main street M. E. held a watch service and carried the program already published.

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# REEVE IS IN IT

Deatur Man is a Candidate for Nomination as Clerk of the House.

## THE SHERMAN FACTION'S PLANS.

Will Make Caucus Nominations for All Minor Positions.

A special correspondent of the Chicago Inter-Ocean writes from Springfield as follows:

Contests over every nomination to be made by the house republican caucus part of the Shermanites' program, besides the speaker, the caucus will nominate a clerk of the house and three assistants; doorkeeper and three assistants; enrolling and engrossing clerk and three assistants, and a stationer and one assistant. By giving candidates for each of these positions the Sherman men hope, apparently, to win a few votes for their speaker, the theory being that some house members might vote their votes on the speaker's return for the nomination of the clerk and the minor positions.

## Candidates for House Positions.

The principal candidates for the offices to be filled by caucus nominations are: Clerk of the house, John A. Reeve; Enrolling and Engrossing Clerk, Thomas Williamson; Doorkeeper, Thomas R. Bellman; Chaplain, Z. O. Landers; Sergeant at Arms, Louis Perreault; St. Clair County, and a Mr. Johnson of Illinois County. Enrolling and engrossing clerk, John A. Reeve; Doorkeeper, Thomas R. Bellman; Chaplain, Z. O. Landers; Sergeant at Arms, Louis Perreault; St. Clair County, and a Mr. Johnson of Illinois County.

Of these John A. Reeve is distinctly an organization man. Mr. Williamson is a neighbor of Mr. Madison County, who is pledged to Miller, and might be figured that Montgomery might be got for Sherman if the Sherman men could land Williamson clerk.

Z. O. Landers for doorkeeper will be backed by Representative Lawrence and Haines, both Miller men, and one of the Shermanites think that Lawrence and Haines might prefer Reeve's success to Miller's and might be for Sherman if Landers could be doorkeeper by the Sherman men. Mr. Perreault will be backed by Representative Trautmann, and Mr. Bellman may have friends in both camps. John A. Barnes and W. R. Hatcher, candidates for enrolling and engrossing clerk, are both organization men. Mr. Thatcher is strongly supported by Representative Burgett. Mr. Stokes comes from the district represented by Representative Swift and Gallagher, but Logan county, which he lives in, is opposed to the candidate. Mrs. Jackson, for post-stress, seems to have no opposition.

Miller's Supporters Not Alarmed. The Miller people have no fear that their candidate for speaker will lose a single vote through trades of this kind, could the attempt be made. Another side of the Sherman program to be fought in case of his defeat is to attempt to change the hitherto prevailing rules of the house so as to deprive a speaker of much of the power he exercises in the past. It is said that one of the Sherman men would present a new set of rules which would reduce Miller's power and authority. It may be that an attempt will be made to take from him the power to appoint the committees and to refer the naming of the committees to a committee selected by the house. All this would be done, if attempted, to embarrass Mr. Miller should he be elected speaker.

A Springfield paper, which is strongly supporting Mr. Sherman has today published a declaration that the Sherman men now want peace and a harmonious session but that the price of the peace must be the selection of a speaker acceptable to the Sherman men. It is necessarily to Mr. Sherman. It is to be a case of anybody to beat Miller.

Loyal to Miller Pledge. O. E. Shanahan heard from Chicago that that word had been received from the Miller headquarters from every one of the fifty men who have signed the Miller pledge and that all are standing firm and will not be swayed from him by anything the opposition do.

Y. E. Trautmann and Charles T. Perry were here today and were in consultation with Mr. Sherman. It is expected the speakership contest will begin in earnest here Friday. Miller will be here Friday morning and Congressman-Elect Williamson is expected in the afternoon. A leading man in the respective camps will be here Friday or Saturday by Sunday all the forces that both camps must muster will be on the ground battle line. The latest utterances of the Sherman people do not indicate hope of success as far as electing Sherman is concerned. The plan to hope that by some means they can prevent Miller's election and thus the most they now seem to be striving for.

Yates Indorses Majority's Choice. Governor Yates was asked this morning why he favors A. J. Hopkins United States senator and John Miller for speaker and he replied: "I am for Mr. Hopkins for senator because the highest court in the state has chosen him to be the choice for senator. That is

enough for me. I am for Mr. Miller for speaker because I have been formed since my return, on authority I consider reliable and truthful, that a majority of the republican house members-elect are for him. I am a republican, and I believe in majority rule in the party. The majority is for Hopkins and Miller, and that is why I am for them."

The indications here now are that the republican house caucus will be called for 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon next. Chester W. Church, who came in tonight, said he had not heard any opposition among the Sherman people to the calling of the caucus by Fred H. Rowe as chairman of the republican state committee. Mr. Sherman declined to be interviewed on the calling of the caucus.

## THE EVENT OF THE SEASON

At Warrensburg Was the Reception of the Concordia Club at Home of William Ritchie.

## IT WAS A HANDSOME AFFAIR.

Warrensburg, Jan. 1.—(Special correspondence)—One of the largest social events of the season was the reception of the Concordia Club at the home of William Ritchie. The house throughout was handsomely decorated with Christmas and winter decorations. Large groups of guests were seated at the banquet table, which was set with a center table which in fact was one of the centers of attraction before and after the dinner. Three courses were served which was a marked abundance of good things. The meeting was opened by an address of welcome by the president, Mrs. A. M. Arnold, which touched on the advancement of the club had made, and the high standing which it held in the community. She emphasized the fact that the club had advanced so in the four years of its existence that it stood among the first in Central Illinois. The program for the entertainment consisted of solos with instrumental and vocal. Miss Vonna Ritchie sang some solos which were rendered very beautifully. Miss Carrie White played several fine selections on the concert. These present were Mrs. A. E. Arnold, Mrs. C. J. Tucker, Mrs. Wm. Ritchie, Mrs. Victor Dewlin, Mrs. Chas. Path, Mrs. E. E. Barton, Mrs. C. A. Conely, Mrs. D. P. Bear, Mrs. Chas. Cowan, Mrs. R. Herrod, Mrs. S. Ritchie, Mrs. Beattie Tucker, Mrs. Wm. Ward, Mrs. Ed. White, Mrs. John Baumgartner and their husbands and Mrs. Emma Munson, Mrs. F. P. Bear, Mrs. Oliver, Miss Vonna Ritchie, Martha Bathe, Mollie Loyd, Carrie White, Miss Lindsey, Mrs. J. R. Bathe, Miss Lulu Beall, Miss Blanche Binkley, Mrs. Shetlet, Sherman Nelson, Mr. Melton, Howard Pevelley and Mrs. G. A. Randolph.

## ASKS LIBERAL LAWS.

Auditor in His Report on Building and Loan Associations.

The state auditor in his annual report on the building and loan associations of Illinois asks for more elastic and liberal laws to govern the workings of these institutions. He says the sentiment throughout the state is growing in that direction and more generally in Chicago the present plans are not up with the times and in the larger cities the associations have outlived their usefulness and popularity. The rate of net earnings has fallen in the last year, being the result of elimination of premiums and the reduction in interest rates on loans. This fact is not an evidence of weakness nor cause for alarm. More liberal rates to borrowers will have a tendency to make the association more popular. The rate of earnings of the 1888 associations in Chicago, average time, was 5.90 per cent, while in 331 associations outside of Chicago, the rate was 10.11 per cent. Two causes for this are assigned, unproductive unsaleable real estate holdings and failure to reduce operating expenses to meet the impaired earning capacity. The combined resources of the 514 associations in Illinois are \$40,308,862.46. Operating expenses called for \$395,665. Two serious defalcations were discovered during the year and the auditor urges more strict auditing.

## HIGH PRICE

Farm at Argenta Sells for \$125 Per Acre.

Lord M. Bennett of Argenta has sold his farm, 160 acres near that place to William Rugh of this city. Mr. Rugh will move to the farm this month. The price paid was \$125 per acre and the trade was made through W. F. Pickle.

## The Late Sarah R. Adams.

Sarah A. Adams died at the home of her son, Truman Adams, 1034 North Chicago street Monday night, Dec. 22, at ten o'clock aged 75. She had been ill for a long time with stomach trouble. She was confined to her bed for eight months. Sarah Adams was born in Delaware, Dec. 16, 1821 and was married to James Adams, Feb. 28, 20. They were born eight children, seven of whom still survive. They are William, Truman, Lizzie, John, Mary, Martha and John. Mrs. Adams was a member of the Church of Christ and where her husband died. She was buried at half past ten o'clock Wednesday afternoon. There were many beautiful floral pieces. Among them was a pillow given by the children with the words mother upon it.

## Births.

Horn—To Mrs. John Barron, 842 North Monroe street, Thursday January 1st, a daughter. The funeral of Mrs. Barron's husband who dropped dead last Sunday while attending the funeral of the late J. S. McClellan will be held this morning from St. Patrick's Catholic church.

## MARRIED.

Miss E. Bressner of Latham and Miss Flora C. Schultz of Lincoln, Ill. were married by Rev. J. C. Eckman at his residence, 332 West Wood street on January 1st.

## Wisdom in the start severs disappointment in the end.

# WERE EASY PREY

Tale of How Danville People Paid Money to Alleged Gold Mine Promoters.

## MADE THREE BIG DEALS.

A Trio of Companies Organized and Good Dividends Paid, It is Said, With Money From Stock.

Danville, Ill., Jan. 1.—The alleged facts concerning the connection of Danville parties with the doings of Frank Lory, Max Bever and their associates in selling Alaskan gold mining property for large figures and their indirect connection with the famous Colorado foot race, in which Lory was swindled, were given out today for the first time by Attorney Frank Lindley of this city.

The story begins in the fall of 1899, when Frank C. Lory and Max T. Bever came from Alaska to Danville as the guests of Clince V. Nafe. Nafe had been well acquainted with Lory in Petersburg, Ind. Nafe's father-in-law, Mr. Oliphant, had known Lory in Petersburg and Mrs. Oliphant gave Lory a good recommendation that he was a young man of excellent character.

Lory and Bever made a great flash in Danville. They had \$100,000 with them and they wore diamonds galore. They claimed to have made this \$100,000 in gold mining operations in Alaska. It now develops that they made it in the winter and summer before running a saloon in which they are said to have cornered the whiskey supply of that part of Alaska. It is said that they got \$125 a drink for it. They said they had some good property in Alaska and that they knew of some other that could be had and which would pay immensely.

## Organized Mining Company.

During the winter of 1899 and 1900 they organized the Yukon Gold Mining company with a capital stock of \$500,000, they sold 1,000 shares of this stock at \$30 a share, disposing of the entire \$30,000 worth in and about Danville. With this they went back to Alaska in the spring of 1900 presumably to develop the property.

## Declared a Dividend.

The following fall they returned to Danville and reported that they had taken out \$75,000 worth of gold for the summer's work. They declared a dividend of \$1250 a share on the 3,000 shares sold the spring before for \$30, the total dividends being \$125,000. They could well afford to do this for advertising purposes as they still had the other \$15,000.

At the same time that they made this flourish of a dividend they announced that they were onto some more mining ground that was fabulous in wealth, for they had prospected it and knew what they were talking about. It could be bought for \$150,000.

They accordingly organized the Dominion Gold Mining company, with a capital of \$750,000. They sold 5,000 shares of this at \$30 a share and got the \$150,000 and went back to Alaska in the spring of 1901.

## Exhibited Gold Dust.

They came back to Danville in the fall of 1901 and made a spectacular entry into the city. It will be remembered that they had bags of gold dust, which they exhibited in a "Fermilion street window daily for some time, a quantity of it is said to be worth \$40,000.

It will be remembered that they were tendered a big banquet by the stockholders, at which time the stockholders were paid dividends of \$1250 a share on Yukon.

It develops that very little of that gold dust came out of the mining property for which the Danville people had paid such fancy prices. It was nearly all bought at banks in Alaska, where it is a circulating medium, and it was paid for with cash which the Danville people and others had put up for the stock. By this time the gold fever was running pretty high in Danville and Lory & Bever stock was above par.

## Needed a Steam Shovel.

The Dominion company for which they had sold \$150,000 worth of stock was more valuable than the most visionary had ever dreamed of. Work had progressed so far they were ready to begin sluicing and they needed a steam shovel. To buy this shovel they sold 800 shares of the Dominion stock for \$50 a share, raising \$15,000 for that. That was more than enough to make back the dividend which they had just declared.

## The Last Prospect.

About this time there was a quarrel in the company and Mr. Oliphant withdrew. Mr. Lory continued. Bever and Lory then introduced a Mr. Hozett of Booneville, Ind. Then they sprung their last prospect. They knew about what was called the McMillan concession, four miles from the mouth of the Gold River. It was at the mouth of Gold River. Accordingly another company was organized, called the Gold River mining company, with a capital stock of \$1,000,000. The promoters said it could be bought for \$100,000 and they wanted to sell enough stock to pay it. They sold enough stock to raise the amount, \$100,000, and about Danville, some in Indiana and some in Ohio.

## Stockholder Went to Alaska.

Last June Mr. Lory took a vacation and went to Alaska, not suspecting anything wrong with the property. He landed at Dawson and while waiting for a stage to take him to the interior where the mines were, he went to a barber shop to get the last shave he expected to get for some time. While he was engaged in the shaving, a conversation with another man who proved to be a miner. The miner had a claim in Alaska and it adjoined the property of the company in which Mr. Lindley was interested, and he wanted to sell his claim. What would he take for it? He wanted \$500,000.

## He Learned Some Things.

Among the things which Mr. Lindley learned was that the Dominion property, instead of costing \$150,000, was

reported to them by Lory and Bever had in reality cost them \$5,000, but that also they had paid a man named Morrison \$10,000 to come down here and pose as the owner and represent what a great thing the property was. That left the promoters \$135,000 clear money on that deal. The next investigation developed that the Gold River property which they claimed had cost them \$200,000 had actually cost them \$17,000. They had a profit of \$187,000 on that besides the steam shovel on which they had raised \$15,000.

The Real Situation. This was going on the day when Mr. Lindley landed and nobody seemed to have any use for it yet. When Mr. Lindley got to the mining property he found Mr. Nafe at work, but he had not yet got down to the bottom of the \$2,000 a day had been led to suppose he would see coming out of the Dominion was not via. He found that property being operated by a man to whom it had been sold. This man was taking out some gold and the company was getting 25 per cent of it in reality.

The Bubble Starts. Frank Lindley made an appointment to meet Mr. Lory in Terre Haute yesterday afternoon in regard to the matter. Lory sent word that he was sick at his home in Petersburg. With the \$2,000 a day he had been getting by the sale of the property, Lory promised to turn most of this back to the companies, saying he would settle with them by giving him back \$215,000, half they had got from him. Lory promises to turn most of this back to the companies, saying he would settle with them by giving him back \$215,000, half they had got from him. Lory promises to turn most of this back to the companies, saying he would settle with them by giving him back \$215,000, half they had got from him.

## WILL CONFIRM F. M. WRIGHT

Action Is To Be Taken Soon After Congress Meets in the Coming Week.

## SENATORIAL COURTESY ABUSED.

A special dispatch from Washington in relation to the confirmation of Judge Wright says:

The nomination of Francis M. Wright as member of the court of claims will be confirmed soon after the senate meets next week. Senator Hoar, chairman of the senate judiciary committee, intended to report Judge Wright's nomination for confirmation before the holiday recess but Senator Mason appealed to him to hold it up for a few days and senatorial courtesy demands that such requests from senators interested shall be granted. It is said that Senator Mason represented to Senator Hoar that there was a political deal in Illinois in connection with the appointment of Judge Wright. This deal was that Governor Yates should appoint Judge Wright's son as his successor on the circuit bench on condition that the members of the legislature from that district should vote for Mr. Miller for speaker and Representative Hopkins for United States senator.

## Report of Political Deal Refuted.

Senator Hoar does not admit that any such deal was reported to him as a reason for holding up the appointment of Judge Wright, but the Massachusetts senator now knows that there could not be any truth in such a report for he has seen a letter from Judge Wright to an Illinois member of congress saying that he would under no circumstances have his son appointed to succeed him. The same member of congress recommended another man for the appointment of judge to succeed Wright and Governor Yates never had the name of Judge Wright's son under consideration.

## Wright Was Not a Candidate.

The facts are that Judge Wright was not a candidate for member of the court of claims. He did not know his name was to be presented to the president as a candidate. Representative Cannon had recommended another man months before and when that appointment could not be made without embarrassing the president asked Cannon to name another man. Cannon named Judge Wright, who lives in Congressman Warner's district. Warner also indorsed Wright and the president nominated him.

The members of the legislature from Warner's district are instructed to vote for Hopkins for senator. There was no possibility of a political trade.

## Senatorial Courtesy Abused.

Senator Mason, in his desperation, sought to get even with Wright for supporting Hopkins and made representations to Senator Hoar that were not true. The nomination of Wright will be reported and confirmed. Senatorial courtesy has been abused in holding up the nomination this long, but it will go no further.

## Lake City.

Mrs. Mabel McCloskey and baby of Bloomington came last Monday to visit relatives.

Grandpa Miers of Dawson came up Tuesday morning to visit his son, Mr. William Adkins. Mrs. Adkins was called to Filley, Neb., Wednesday on account of her mother's sickness.

Marion Simpson and family moved to Kenton, Mo., Tuesday. Mr. Simpson is a member of the First Baptist church.

Arthur, John and Add Alexandria, Earl Vansickle, Mrs. G. L. Sellers, Mrs. Henry Myers and T. G. Willis were Decatur visitors Wednesday.

John Vandine, Mrs. Charles Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Simpson, Leslie, Nora and Prosta Willis; William Rankin, Mrs. Fannie Watson, William and Bessie Long, A. S. Crech of Barton.

# A SMALL OFFICE

Is in a Fair Way to Create a Large Size Political Rumpus in This State.

## GOVERNOR YATES PROTEST

Against the Appointment of A Sherman Man at Rushville.

Springfield, Ill., January 1.—Governor Yates, in his official capacity, telegraphed President Roosevelt protesting against the appointment of J. W. Trimble as postmaster at Rushville, Ill. Trimble has the endorsement of Senators Mason and Cullom and L. Y. Sherman. Dr. Harvey, the incumbent of the office, seeks reappointment and has among other endorsements that of the state administration.

Some protests have been filed against Trimble's appointment on the ground that it is not desired by a majority of the people at Rushville. With these as a basis, Governor Yates telegraphed a protest. It will be seen, therefore, that although the Rushville, Ill. matter is of little moment to the state at large, it is likely to be one of great importance on the question of precedent and principle.

Congressman Prince has declined to interfere as between Trimble and Harvey. Both Mason and Cullom are said to be insistent on Trimble's appointment. Schuyler county, in its last county convention, sat down on Sherman at Yates' dictation. If Mason and Cullom insist on their privileges the Rushville postoffice may make a big fight in the United States senate if Trimble is defeated.

## BREAKS UP FAMILY

Father and Daughter Marry and Rest Leave Home.

Bloomington, Ill., Jan. 1.—Friends and relatives in this city have received word of the double wedding in Chicago of Edward Finley and of his daughter, Miss Nellie Finley, last Monday evening.

Mr. Finley formerly lived in this city and for many years was a baggage-man on the Chicago and Alton road. His wife has been dead for a number of years. Monday in Chicago he was united in marriage to Mrs. Joseph Crooks, while his daughter, Nellie, was married to James Crooks, whom she had never seen until the day of her father's wedding. It is said.

Nettled as a result of the nuptials, another daughter, Miss Katie Finley, has gone on the stage, and another, Miss Mamie Finley, has entered a convent. The mother of Mr. Finley still lives in Bloomington.

## MYSTERY AT JOLIET.

Body of Well Dressed Man Found With Bullet Hole in Head.

Joliet, Ill., Jan. 1.—A well dressed man, whose identity the police have thus far been unable to discover, was found lying in an alley in the rear of Robeson Hall, close to the Rock Island tracks, this morning, with a bullet hole in his skull. He was taken to the police station, where he died about an hour later without recovering consciousness. It is thought he ended his own life. In every place on his clothing, with one exception, where his initials had been, the cloth had been cut out. A copy of the St. Louis Republic indicated that he had come from that city on an early morning train. The initials J. E. M. were found on one of his garments. He was about 35 years of age, and had a black mustache and black hair.

## HOME FOR RAILWAY EMPLOYES

\$75,000 to be Expended in Purchase of Ground and Erection of Building.

Peoria, Ill., Jan. 1.—The referendum vote of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen on the \$25,000 appropriation for the erection of a home for aged and disabled railway employees has been counted and was passed by 10,000 majority. The trainmen and conductors of their last conventions appropriated \$25,000 each, and the total of \$75,000 will be used in the purchase of ground and the erection of a suitable building. The location has not yet been selected.

## BROTHER KILLS BROTHER.

Were Playing With Their Father's Revolver When It Was Discharged.

Kankakee, Ill., Jan. 1.—Lewis Kercheff, 9 years old, this afternoon shot and instantly killed his 2-year-old brother, while playing with his father's revolver. The children are sons of a well known merchant in Solitt.

## COLSEN HEARING.

At Lincoln Is Again Postponed Until Monday.

Lincoln, Ill., Jan. 1.—Roy Colson's hearing, set for this morning, was postponed until next Monday. This complicated affair has been very annoying to several good farmers in Emmentown township subpoenaed by Colson and his attorneys. A day or two ago State's Attorney Murphy notified his witnesses that Parker would not be permitted by his physician to leave the hospital Wednesday, and the trial would be postponed. Colson's witnesses did not get word and seven or eight of them arose at 8 o'clock in the morning in order to reach Lincoln in time for the trial. It was the second postponement and inasmuch as they dropped their work to come and are not allowed witness fees by the state, their indignation was expressed in no uncertain language in Justice Rosenbath's court.

# TWO FARMERS KILLED

While Crossing Railroad Tracks at Champaign.

Champaign, Ill., Jan. 1.—Charles Deakin and Frank Morley were killed instantly by the southbound Illinois Central limited about 10:30 last night. Deakin was pretty badly mangled. His companion showed but few marks. The accident occurred a short distance from Thomasboro. The men had been hauling grain on a trolley and both were riding in one wagon, leading another team behind. The train struck the first vehicle near the front part. Each man leaves a family.

## MRS. EDWARD DONLEY.

At Champaign Kills Herself With Revolver in Sick Room.

Champaign, Ill., Jan. 1.—Mrs. Edward Donley committed suicide by shooting herself through the head with a revolver about 7 this morning. She was 28 years old and leaves a husband and one child. Mrs. Donley had not been well for some time and it is believed that she became despondent through worry over what the future might bring. Mrs. Donley appeared cheerful when breakfast was taken to her room and gave directions about preparing food for other members of the family. Soon after she was left alone a pistol shot was heard and the woman was found in another room dead.

## Huffman-Miller.

Marion, Ill., Jan. 1.—Ben S. Miller of Marion and Miss Minnie Huffman of Weldon were married in St. Louis December 29. They left on a wedding trip for Mississippi and New Orleans and after their return trip will take up their abode on the groom's farm northeast of town.

## Revenue Collections \$9,583,452.06.

Peoria, Ill., Jan. 1.—The amount of internal revenue collected at the Peoria revenue office for the year 1903 was \$9,583,452.06.

## Fail to Rob Illinois Bank.

Peoria, Ill., Jan. 1.—Bank robbers, presumably the same gang which has been operating extensively throughout central Illinois, made an effort last night to rob the Auten bank at Princeton, but it is presumed they were frightened away. They entered the bank through a window.

## Permits for Illinois Banks.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 1.—A final permit was issued today by the auditor of public accounts for the opening of the Commercial Trust and Savings bank, located at Danville, Ill., with a capital of \$100,000. Permission to open for business also is granted to the Ashton bank, located at Ashton, Lee county, Ill., with a capital stock of \$25,000.

## Livernmen Advance Rates.

Kankakee, Ill., Jan. 1.—Following the example of the dentists, physicians and blacksmiths, Kankakee livernmen have advanced their prices, establishing a uniform scale that is in some instances 50 per cent. higher than the old rate. The principal advance is in the price of Sunday rigs and hacks for evening parties.

## A SHORT SESSION.

Few Docket Orders in the Circuit Court on Thursday.

There was a short session of circuit court on Thursday. Only a few motions were heard and then an adjournment was taken until this afternoon. The jury will not return until Monday and the October term will be continued as nearly as possible up to the time for convening the January term if the attorneys wish to have any trials. The orders entered Thursday follow:

## Law.

John Frank vs. Jennie Steinen, confession. On motion of plaintiff. Judgment set aside and death of plaintiff suggested. Julius L. Berlich executor made plaintiff and declaration amended and judgment in favor of executor by confession for \$390 and costs and immediate execution.

## Chancery.

Ann H. Shelley vs. Allan J. Thompson et al; foreclosure. Suit dismissed without prejudice at cost of complainant.

## Daniel S. Walgel vs. John F. Weigel et al; partition. Commissioners report filed and approved. Decree of sale and solicitor's fee fixed at \$150 to be taxed as costs and \$13 for abstract.

Ann L. Shill vs. Fred A. Stevens et al; foreclosure. Suit dismissed at complainant's costs.

## Cisco.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Briggs of Iowa visited relatives and friends here over Sunday.

A. C. Young and family of West Superior, Wis., visited relatives here during the holidays.

G. H. Clow of the Allerton ranch in Nebraska spent the holidays with relatives in this vicinity.

Robert Clow and family of near Ramsey, Ill., visited his daughter, Mrs. James Martin, and family.

Mrs. Rice and daughter, Miss Emily, of Denver, Colo., visited relatives here a few days last week.

George Widlock, Lou Hoover, Walter Parish, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Flynn, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wheeler, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Reeves were Decatur visitors Tuesday.

A. E. Parr was in Monticello Tuesday.

William Pipher has purchased the Tom Tubert farm place.

Mrs. Jacob Waggoner is visiting his sister, Mrs. S. K. Woolen, at Tower Hill, a few days this week.

Eldo McCarty was in Decatur Monday.

Mrs. J. A. Malone returned from a week's visit with her parents at Buffalo Monday evening.

Bud Austin of Indiana visited his father, E. A. Austin, Christmas day. Mrs. Ralph Miller visited relatives in this vicinity during the holidays, while their household goods were being moved from Findlay to Oakley.

W. J. Karkis and daughter visited E. A. Austin over Sunday.

Professor J. R. Simer is attending the State Teachers' association meeting at Springfield.

Jan. 1.

Temptation is usually identified when it is too late.

# FARMERS COLUMN

FOR SALE—80 acre farm, two sets of improvements, 5 miles north of Decatur. Inquire 4 miles north of Bloomington road and 1 mile west. S. A. Houser—23-w6t.

BARRED ROCK COCKERS. S. FOR SALE—Cocker strain. Score 89 to 92-1-2 Weight 6 to 9 pounds. Also some unsexed birds. Prices reasonable. Write or call at house 2-1-2 miles southwest of Mt. Vernon—Mrs. L. B. Hughes, Mt. Zion, Ill.—19-w4v.

FOR SALE—75 vehicles at bargain prices. This is the best stock of vehicles in the state. On account of necessary changes in buildings preparatory for factory work our entire stock of vehicles is now located in the old Linn & Scruggs building, E. Williams St. Cor. Franklin. D. P. Raper in charge.—5-w1f

FOR SALE—The entire retail stock of vehicles of J. S. H. C. Starr at prices ranging for buggies from \$45.00 to \$100.00, and for surreys from \$75.00 to \$200.00. Driving wagons and rubber tire goods go regardless of cost. If you are looking for a bargain in any kind of a vehicle, you can sure get it now. Regardless of season, low prices will move this stock quick. Next year we will manufacture all the vehicles we sell. For further particulars call and see the goods at the old Linn & Scruggs building, E. Williams St. Cor. Franklin. D. P. Raper in charge.—5-w1f

WANTED—Everybody to buy a meal ticket







## WRECKED PHONE

POLITICIAN PADDOCK OF KANKAKEE GOT MAD AT POOR SERVICE AND SMASHES INSTRUMENT.

## AND SWORE GREAT BIG OATHS

At a Policeman Who Tried to Pacify Him—Illinois News.

Kankakee, Dec. 30.—Daniel H. Paddock, a prominent lawyer and politician, tried to use his Bell telephone today and the service rendered was unsatisfactory. He became so infuriated that he tore the instrument from the wall and smashed it to small pieces, after which he kicked the remnants out of the door. Officer John Fairbairn of the city police force remonstrated with the lawyer and sought to pacify him, but he was rewarded with a tirade of abuse and the officer placed him under arrest on a charge of disorderly conduct. This had a somewhat soothing effect on the lawyer who was taken before a justice of the peace and released on his own recognizance. Prominent citizens endeavored to get the officer to withdraw his charge but the latter declined to do so, saying that he would prosecute Paddock if it cost him his job. The affair created a sensation. Mr. Paddock is an ex-member of the legislature and is a candidate for circuit judge. He has employed attorneys and says that unless the charge against him is withdrawn he will sue the city for damages in the sum of \$25,000.

## QUEER ADVENTURE OF PASTOR.

Preached Two Funerals, Twenty Years Apart, Over Body of Same Man.

Stirling, Ill., Dec. 30.—Rev. T. E. Phillips of Pennsylvania who is on a visit here to his brother, R. S. Phillips of this city, is the hero of a strange adventure. He preached two funeral sermons, at an interval of twenty years, over the body of the same man.

On the first occasion Mr. Phillips had just finished his remarks at the graveside when the supposed corpse knocked on the coffin lid and asked to be released from his prison. Twenty years later Mr. Phillips again stood by the grave of the same man. This time he preached a second funeral sermon. The corpse did not knock on the coffin lid; the coffin remained unopened. The man stayed dead.

A number of persons who heard the first sermon also heard the last. It was remarkably coincident.

Two Fires Near Mornemo, Ill. Mornemo, Ill., Dec. 30.—The brick tank plant at Grant Park, six miles north of this city, was nearly destroyed by fire this morning. A large building and the water pumping plant on the C. & N. W. Bluff ranch, ten miles east of Mornemo, and occupied by J. R. Davis, were burned yesterday.

## CHARGE ARE GENERAL.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 30.—Attorney General Hamilton has gone to Chicago to enter upon his investigation of the coal situation. Before leaving he admitted that he was not yet in possession of any direct testimony which would warrant legal proceedings, and said everything would depend upon what he learned in Chicago.

The complaints received by him and Lieutenant Governor Northcott are general in their character. While they charge combinations of various sorts involving the operators, coal carriers, and the local dealers, none of them gives specifications.

## HOME FOR CONSUMPTIVES

Recommended By the State Board of Health.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 30.—The biennial report of the state board of health was made public today. It recommends that the legislature establish a state home for consumptives similar to institutions in the east. It also recommends that a state board of medical examiners conduct examinations which under the present law are made by the state board of health. Other recommendations are for better laws to enable the state board to suppress contagious diseases and safeguard the public health.

## STEEL COMPANY BUYING MINES.

Illinois Corporation Said to Be Negotiating for Coal Properties.

Danville, Ill., Dec. 30.—In coal mining circles in Vermilion county it is stated that the Illinois Steel company is negotiating for the control of all the principal mines. Last week the Kellyville coal company, operating six mines, purchased the Hilmrode mines for \$50,000. It is now claimed that the Kellyville Coal company is about to purchase the Westville Coal company, whose three mines virtually control the Danville and Grape Creek mines as far as Chicago is concerned. It is alleged that, as soon as the Kellyville-Westville deal is consummated, the Illinois Steel company will step in and buy the whole thing.

## BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

Met at Springfield January 13th in Annual Session.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 30.—The new state board of agriculture will meet at Springfield on Jan. 13 next to organize its business for the year. This will be the first meeting at which the new president of the board, J. K. Dickerson of Lawrenceville, will preside. Mar-

tin Conrad of Cook county is the retiring president. At this meeting also the board will elect a secretary, and there is no reasonable probability that there will be any opposition to W. C. Garrard, who has filled that position for something like 14 years.

Killed at a Crossing. Sterling, Ill., Dec. 30.—Mrs. William Himer and Mrs. George McMahon and daughter, Louise, were instantly killed last night by a train on the Sterling branch of the Chicago and Northwestern, near Limestone.

Hanged Himself. Roanoke, Ill., Dec. 30.—John Steffen, Jr., aged 26, committed suicide this morning, about 8:30 by hanging himself in the barn of Joseph Zimmerman's farm, one and one-half miles southeast of town.

## BUGHOUSE BRIDEGROOM

Says He Was Hypnotized and Tried to Kill Himself.

Greenville, Ill., Dec. 30.—John H. Demaree, who was recently married to Miss Pearl Thompson of this city at Clayton, Mo., and who forsook his bride at Rushville, Ill., and returned to Greenville last Friday, claiming Miss Thompson compelled him to marry her by means of hypnotism, was found unconscious in his barn. After being revived several convulsions followed, and upon medical aid being summoned, it was found that he had taken a dose of poison in an attempt to commit suicide. During the afternoon he made another unsuccessful attempt with a razor. He expressed great regret that he was not able to end his life.

## Bloomington Physician Dead.

Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 30.—Dr. N. M. Jordan, a physician of this city, died here yesterday. He was born in Dayton, Ky., and spent the first twenty-five years of his life there. He was 46 years old and leaves a wife.

## Deaths at Taylorville.

Taylorville, Ill., Dec. 30.—Richard Harrison, aged 74 years, was found dead in his bed at Taylorville Monday morning by his son-in-law, Charles Lewis. He had been slightly ill for a few days. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Joseph McNutt, aged 65 years, died at Taylorville Monday morning from the effects of a paralytic stroke. The funeral will be held this afternoon.

## FINE SCHEME AT CAPITAL

Citizens Can Buy Coal Cheaper Delivered Than at the Mines.

The citizens of Springfield ought to be happy. As a result of a fight between the local mines and the retail dealers they can buy coal cheaper delivered than it can be bought at the mines. The Journal of Tuesday said:

## RESULT OF DEALERS' FIGHT.

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Citizens of Springfield can now buy coal delivered in their cellars cheaper than it can be purchased at the mines. All mines affiliated with the Springfield Coal association boosted the price of coal at the mines from \$2.50 to \$3.00 a ton yesterday. This is the highest price ever asked for the product in Springfield. The coal association, however, has not increased the price of \$2.50 a ton, delivered to the local trade.

Big signs, giving notice of the advance in the price of coal, were posted at the mines connected with the association early in the morning. The principal reason given for the raise is that the growing demand for coal necessitated the change in price. The increase had a demoralizing effect on the smaller coal dealers.

## Operator Explains Raise.

In discussing the situation last night a local mine owner stated that the coal dealers, in the main, were responsible for the raise. He explained the situation as follows:

"Before the coal famine which now exists in the northern part of the state many of the local coal dealers bought coal which was shipped into Springfield. They also dealt with mines not connected with the local association. The coal shipped in here was sold to them cheaper than they could buy it at the mines which belong to the association. The coal which they secured at other mines was given to them at lower figures than at the mines affiliated with the association."

## Shut Out the Independents.

"Now, when the famine develops in the northern part of the state, these coal mines which have been shipping coal into Springfield naturally enough discontinued their trade here and now ship to the points where higher prices prevail. Then, too, the roads are bad and the hauling distance is farther from the mines not connected with the association."

"With such conditions before them the local dealers went to the mines affiliated with the association. Prices were then advanced from \$2.50 a ton off the cars to \$3.00."

## E. R. ELDRIDGE WANTS PLACE.

Former Decatur Man Seeking Appointment on a State Board.

E. R. Eldridge of Chicago, formerly a practicing attorney in this city is seeking an appointment on the state board of arbitration. Friends are circulating a petition in this city asking the governor to take favorable action on his application. Mr. Eldridge went from here to Chicago a number of years ago and has since been engaged in the practice of law in that city. His petition was numerously signed by his old friends.

## ATTACKS SYSTEM

President Tracy Afouses Enthusiasm of Teachers by His Annual Address.

## SAYS THE STATE IS STINGY.

His Talk Promises to be the Feature of the Meeting

In his annual address before the state teachers' meeting President Tracy said:

President F. N. Tracy in his annual address at the teachers' meeting in Springfield commented on the spirit of unrest in society and especially in the ranks of the public educators. This spirit, he said, is not a matter to be deprecated but is prophetic of better conditions. Teachers are demanding better conditions and improved facilities for the public schools of the country, and this demand is so insistent that it is gradually revolutionizing the sphere of education.

The speaker called attention to what he termed the "uncertainty in educational processes," the ever fluctuating courses of study. It was apparent that much valuable time was lost. Some teachers seem to possess the idea that they must be the zealous exponents of a so-called "fad" in order to maintain a professional reputation. Mr. Tracy recommended that the teachers of the state work more along the lines of uniformity and that the tendency to digress after ill-considered innovations be discouraged.

## Recommends Truant Schools.

The president recommended that some provision be made by local school boards in cities to provide parental schools for the truant and incorrigible children who are denied the uses of the public schools. The demands for such a school have been successfully met in Chicago. It may be that the association will call upon the legislature to make some provision for such schools.

In speaking of a public school course of study he called attention to the need of a national curriculum under the charge of a secretary of education. It could be so planned that everywhere there would be the same standard of scholarship in the same year or grade. Several attempts have been made in this state to formulate a course of study and to have it adopted, at least for the rural districts, but so far such attempts have mostly proved abortive.

"Those who are the best prepared to know tell us that we have no system of education in this state," continued the president. "We simply have a law that permits each community to educate as it pleases, as well as it pleases, or as ill as it pleases, with a few meagre limitations."

## Needs Larger Schools.

Continuing the speaker made an appeal for a bigger state school fund. "War against Spain had only to be declared," he said, "when congress unanimously placed \$50,000,000 in the hands of the president for use in the defense against a foreign foe. Will not Illinois be proportionately liberal in maintaining her defense against a more subtle and insidious foe, a more dangerous enemy that Spain ever could have been in her palmy days, that of ignorance within her borders."

The president recommended that the high schools be made more inclusive. He believes that the doors of the high schools be opened for a great many more pupils than they do. Each boy or girl takes a broader view of life if he has only six months training in some good high school.

Mr. Tracy strongly recommended the plan of consolidation of country school districts, which will undoubtedly be put into the hands of a legislative committee by the association. He said:

"The country boy and girl are just as deserving of good schools as the children of the city. The consolidation of districts so ably championed by our state superintendent would gradually bring them to these benefits. I believe that this association will never cease to labor until this idea is formulated into a law."

In conclusion the president dilated upon the need of a national educational system under the charge of a bureau of education, whose secretary should have a seat in the president's cabinet. He said:

"In order that the United States may really have an educational system, the commissioner of education should have a seat in the president's cabinet and be known as the secretary of education. He should be vested with powers co-ordinate with the other secretaries. His coadjutors should be the state superintendents and theirs the county superintendents."

"Each officer from the secretary down must be given enough revenue and assistants so that every department from a national university to a kindergarten may be properly supervised. Then with a suitable unification of the course, a classification of the schools, consolidated rural schools, a continuous growth of the high schools, adequate revenue, free text books and trained teachers, education in America would approach the ideal."

## Marriage Licenses.

John E. Bressmer, Latham ..... 30  
Flora C. Schultz, Lincoln ..... 18

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## FAREWELL TO REV. WEEMS.

Will Be Feature at the First M. E. Watch Meeting.

The Watch Night Service at the North Main street M. E. church promises to be a most enjoyable one. It will begin at 8 o'clock. The first hour will be devoted to a session of the Sunday School and the Christmas Lesson will be studied. From 9 until 10 o'clock, Rev. T. D. Weems will preach a farewell sermon. Following this there will be a social hour in which the people of the church will give a farewell to Rev. and Mrs. Weems. They are to leave the city soon and this will be the best opportunity their host of friends will have to bid them adieu.

At 11 o'clock will occur the installation of the new Epworth League officers and the closing part will be a short sermon by the pastor closing with a consecration service.

Light refreshments are to be served free during the social hour from 10 until 11 o'clock by the Epworth League and Ladies Aid Society.

Everybody is most cordially invited to enjoy this watch night service with us.

F. N. SANDIFUR, pastor.

## WANT LAWS AMENDED.

New Bills to Be Introduced in Legislature By Sangamon County Bar.

Sangamon county's Bar association, which was ushered into existence since the adjournment of the last general assembly, will send a liberal quota of bills to the coming legislature for consideration. The list as enumerated at a meeting of the association last week will be as follows:

Bill to change dates of terms in county courts.

Bill to amend juvenile court act.

Bill to change time from settlement of estates from two years to one year.

Bill to change time of contesting wills from two years to one year.

Bill changing administration act in reference to liens on real estate where no letters are issued within one year.

Bill to provide for establishment of jury commissions in counties of state with population equal or greater than that of Sangamon.

## Deaths Recorded.

Robt. M. Machan to John M. Dunkel the north half of the north east quarter of section 12, township 17, range 3 east; \$11,620.

John M. Dunkel to Ezra D. Spira a 40 foot lot in lot 1 in the south east quarter of the north east quarter of section 10, township 18, range 2 east; \$4,000.

John E. Stiner to Peter D. Kelling lot 4 in Chappelow's sub-division of lot 14 in Barber's sub-division in section 8, township 16, range 2 east; \$850.

Blue Mound Savings. Loan and Building Association to George Nichols, lots 9 and 19 in block 4 in Blue Mound; \$750.

Cora I. Holderby to Nellie M. Hughes an undivided interest in lot 4 and 20 feet off of the north side of lot 5 in block 5 in Seibers' addition to Blue Mound; \$10.

Cora I. Holderby to Nellie M. Hughes half interest in the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 15, township 14, range 1 east; \$10.

## Contagious Diseases.

Three cases of contagious diseases were reported to the city clerk yesterday afternoon as follows:

R. R. Poes, 853 North Illinois street, a case of diphtheria.

S. M. Lutz, 315 West North street, a case of diphtheria.

George Vaughn, 807 West Eldorado street, a case of scarlet fever.

## CALL OF MASTER

Summons Rev. A. W. Hawkins to His Final Home and Reward.

## DEATH OF WELL KNOWN PASTOR

End Came Early Tuesday Morning After Months of Illness.

Rev. A. W. Hawkins, formerly pastor of the Cumberland church in this city and chairman of the college commission of that denomination died early Tuesday morning at his home, 804 North Union street.

He had been ill for a long time and his death was due to kidney disease brought on by extreme exertion and overwork. About a year ago Mr. Hawkins returned from Iowa where he had been working in the interest of the Millikin university, broken down in health and while he seemed for a time to gain he was never strong afterwards and for the last month his condition was recognized as critical.

Mr. Hawkins was one of the foremost ministers in the Cumberland Presbyterian church and had held the highest office in the gift of the denomination, having served as moderator of the general assembly of the church when it met in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1896.

He came to Decatur in January, 1893, when the congregation here had no regular place of worship but met in the W. C. T. U. hall. He undertook the building of a church and the handsome structure at the corner of Eldorado and Monroe streets was the result of his efforts. He also built a church at Logansport and at Knoxville, Tennessee, where he was located before coming to Decatur. He finished a church which had been commenced by a former pastor.

When Mr. Millikin made his generous proposition looking toward the founding of a great university in Decatur Rev. Mr. Hawkins took a great interest in the matter and did much to secure the acceptance of the terms by the citizens. About two and a half years ago he resigned his pastorate to take up the duties of business manager of the college commission of the church and it was he who did most of the work toward raising the \$100,000 subscribed by the church. He had practically completed the task when he came home a year ago broken in health. He had traveled widely and the exposure and fatigue with the nervous strain of the work had so undermined his health that he never recovered.

A. W. Hawkins was born October 8, 1841, in Crawford county, Missouri. He received his early education in the common and high schools of Steelville, Missouri, and in 1871 graduated from the theological seminary at Lebanon, Tenn. His family were all members of the Cumberland church and he joined in boyhood. Three of his brothers became ministers.

Mr. Hawkins was married in October, 1866, at Greenville, Ill., to Miss Emily King, who with one son, William B. Hawkins, survives him.

After leaving the seminary, Rev. Hawkins held the following pastorates: Goodlettsville, Tenn.; Winchester, Ind.; Logansport, Ind.; Columbia, Tenn.; Knoxville, Tenn.; and Decatur, Ill.

He leaves besides his family three brothers, Rev. L. J. Hawkins, of Palestine, Ill.; Rev. W. L. Hawkins, of Plainsburg, Cal.; Rev. O. C. Hawkins, of Missouri; and three sisters living in California.

In the nine years of his residence here Rev. Hawkins gained an extended acquaintance in the city, not only within the ranks of the congregations of churches of his denomination but in the membership of other churches. He was an earnest, devoted Christian minister, and consistently lived the

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